Danbury Commission on Aging -- Jan. 25, 2021

Chair Kay Schreiber called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

Attending: Angela Hylenski, David Lias, Mary Mazzucco, Kay Schreiber, Theresa Taylor, Connie Vitetta, Estelle Zimmer, Neil Corday

Staff, Department of Elderly Services: Susan Tomanio - Director

Absent: Nancy Keilty, Sandra Urban, Michelle McNamara - Municipal Agent

Minutes of Oct. 26, 2020 were approved as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

Meet and interview prospective Commissioner Antonia Schachter.

Ms. Schachter is a social media consultant with an MFA in writing.

She maintains a website and a blog: "Life with Antidepressants."

As her mother's care giver, she gained valuable knowledge and experience in senior housing, which is one of COA's key areas of interest.

Ms. Schachter also has organizational experience

with Chamber of Commerce, the Cultural Alliance, and City Center Danbury.

The Commissioners will vote via email on accepting Ms. Schachter on the Commission.

- Susan Tomanio brought us up to date on Senior Center status.
 - Center remains closed for indoor activities until further notice.
 Some activities (line dancing, trivia, etc.) are being conducted via Zoom.
 - Senior Center staff is still available by phone for counselling, referrals, help with open enrollment.
 Ms. Tomanio can be reached on her business cell phone 203-456-5912.
 - Funding stopped for delivering meals to seniors by Senior Center van.
 Efforts are underway to get new funding from United Way,
 and to have drivers vaccinated to make it safe for them to continue driving.
- Theresa Taylor mentioned her volunteer work with American Dream Foundation which delivers meals to seniors, and with Marissa Marici of Candlewood Valley Nursing Home providing crafts to seniors.

ADJOURNED at 9:10 am.

Prepared and Submitted by Neil Corday, Secretary

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